

## Sociological Research Activity Grading Matrix

### 100 points

One to two full pages, typed, size 12 font, double spaced, with correct grammar and spelling. You will summarize the information provided and find **two** additional sources from a professional journal or from a newspaper (see the links provided under External Links). You will link the research to what you have read in the text and provide your opinion of what you have found out, **and take a stand on this** social issue, through persuasive argument. You can use personal examples in your opinion and argument.

RESEARCH CONTENT	GUIDANCE	POINTS POSSIBLE
SUMMARY: give an overview of the reading provided, as well as the additional source.	Use the summary to introduce your work, although you can add to the summary throughout the paper as you incorporate the other requirements	20
LINK: make a link between the relevant chapters in the text and the two additional readings	How does what you have read in the text compare with what you have read in the articles? Is there a link? Does the research illustrate theories from the text? Do the readings combine to add to your understanding of this issue?	20
OPINION: give your opinion of the readings	Using all professional sources and your personal experience where possible; be able to justify your opinion and use objective argument	20
TAKE A STAND: make an argument for or against (with justifications); give your suggestions for changing or improving this situation (with practical examples).	Be able to justify your argument with sound information (statistics and facts from what you have read) as well as narrative stories from your observations.	20
PAPER REQUIREMENTS		
STRUCTURE: one-two pages, size 12 font, double spaced, with introduction, main body and conclusion, and correct grammar and spelling	Use this format to save your work to your own computer – this ensures you have written the correct amount to post on the DB.	15
SOURCES: all sources are cited	Use APA or MLA format in the paper and at the end for the bibliography	5
TOTAL		100